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Colleagues,

New information in bold as of 12:00 EST, 11 Feb

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- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the US to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- **On 11 Feb, Ontario Premier Doug Ford declares a state of emergency in effort to end truck convoy blockade.** [Link](#)

- For information on [planned traffic routes, road closures and location of other demonstrations nationally](#).
- According to ITAC's latest (08 Feb) Threat Highlight: Those seeking to undertake legitimate protest are distinct from those actors espousing violent extremism. The convergence of legitimate protest with ideological extremism both online and in cities across the country presents a possible trigger point and opportunity for potential lone actor attackers to conduct an attack.
- Additional reporting is expected from other government departments and will be integrated as it becomes available.

IMPACTED AREAS: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

National:

- On 11 Feb, Transport Canada reported they are monitoring planned protests to occur today at airports in the following cities: Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver.

Ottawa, ON:

- As of 11 Feb, there are 40-50 people on Parliament Hill, and approx. 80-100 people on the surrounding streets.
 - Ottawa braces for 3rd straight weekend of protests. [Link](#)
- Police response as of 09 Feb: 23 arrests made and 1300 tickets issued. 14 tickets issued for fire infractions. Several Ottawa bylaw fines have been increased to \$1000.
- NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill; extended until 14 Feb.

Windsor, ON:

- As of 11 Feb, convoy protesters have agreed to open one lane of Canada-bound traffic at the Ambassador Bridge. However, police do not consider this safe and therefore the Ambassador Bridge remains effectively closed.
 - Police actions were expected today but may be delayed.
- OPP are assisting with traffic/logistics in the area of the Ambassador Bridge protest to support Windsor Police.
- City of Windsor, Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association seeking an injunction to end blockade; Ontario Superior Court hearing set for 12:00 EST 11 Feb.
 - More police sent to Windsor as border blockade continues. [Link](#)
 - Ontario prepares fines, possible seizure of trucks to end Ambassador Bridge blockade. [Link](#)

Sarnia, ON:

- As of 10 Feb, CBSA is reporting Hwy 402 remains closed at Nauvoo Rd. The convoy is blocking westbound Hwy 402 at Nauvoo Road; transport trucks are being rerouted off Hwy 402 at Watford Rd by OPP.

Fort Erie, ON:

- Planned demonstration at Peace Bridge - open source information indicates the convoy may block access to the Peace Bridge on 12 Feb, with potential to impact the Fort Erie-Buffalo border crossing.
 - Niagara region braces for planned protest at Fort Erie Peace Bridge. [Link](#)

Toronto, ON:

- In response to social media posts announcing a possible demonstration, Toronto Police Service have closed streets around Queen's Park Circle to traffic.
 - **Toronto Police board says it supports plans to manage further trucker convoy protests in the city.** [Link](#)
- NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Queen's Park in Toronto until 13 Feb.

Winnipeg, MB:

- Reports indicate small number of demonstrators outside of the Manitoba legislative building.

Emerson, MB:

- Report of slow moving convoy near Emerson POE on 10 Feb. RCMP in Manitoba issued a statement over Twitter on 10 Feb, that a large number of vehicles including farm equipment is blocking the Emerson POE, with no traffic getting through north or southbound.
- All commercial traffic is being re-routed back to the US and directed to alternate POEs.
 - RCMP say main U.S. border crossing in Manitoba closed by convoy protest. [Link](#)

Coutts (Port of Entry) AB:

- As of 09 Feb, RCMP enforcement activities are underway at Milk River and Coutts. CBSA confirmed that the blockage of the highway north of the Coutts POE continues.
 - **Issues for trucking sector as Coutts blockade hits 13 days.** [Link](#)
- NOTAMs are in effect over Milk River and Coutts until 16 Feb.

Montreal, QC:

- On 10 Feb, Transport Canada reported three vehicles were observed near Montreal-Pierre Elliott International Airport. The vehicles were intercepted and redirected away by airport authorities. There were no impacts to airport operations.
- **A protest and march are planned at Jarry Park in Montreal on 12 Feb.**
 - **Montreal will be prepared for any protests, Mayor Plante vows.** [Link](#)

Fredericton, NB:

- The New Brunswick Government is amending its Emergency Act, adding prohibitions for several disruptive activities such as blocking the normal flow of traffic on any road or highway, in advance of demonstrations planned for 11-13 Feb in Fredericton.
 - **Protesters begin to gather, some schools closed as Fredericton awaits crowd.** [Link](#)

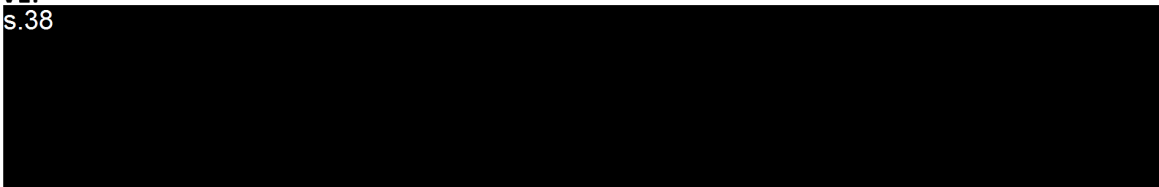
Surrey, BC:

- As of 10 Feb, a demonstration continues near the Pacific Highway Port of Entry. There have been no operational impacts to commercial traffic. Protestors have remained and there is no indication they will attempt to impede traffic.

WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE:

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Financing:

- Crowdfunding sites are not a regulated business sector under the *Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act* (PCMLTFA). However, should these sites transact with or through [businesses](#) that are subject to the Act, such as financial institutions, suspicious transactions may be reported.
- Ontario court freezes access to funds raised for protest convoy on GiveSendGo platform. [Link](#)
- No spike in suspicious transaction reporting amid trucker convoy protests: FINTRAC. [Link](#)

International:

- CBSA and the OPP are working well in Ontario to address issues at Ports of Entry and increase capacity of local police.
- Currently, Coutts and the Ambassador Bridge are the main focus of protest-related disruptions.
- There is currently no significant evidence of US participation on the ground.

Policing Issues of Note:

- The RCMP's National Operations Centre (NOC) has escalated to Tier 3 which will help facilitate information sharing with partners.
- RCMP is assisting in various impacted areas across the country and is focused on areas where enforcement or the risk of escalation is most acute.
- RCMP does not have the authority to compel tow companies to assist in removing vehicles from protest sites.
 - RCMP does not hold contracts with tow companies and has exhausted all inquiries with more than 40 Canadian tow companies.

Social Media Analysis:

- Military investigating after officer appears in anti-vaccine video. [Link](#)
- Social media posts have circulated calls for airport protests at various cities (below).

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